

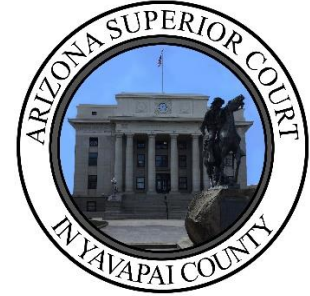
NEWS RELEASE

Superior Court in Yavapai County

Contact: Julie Malinowski, Deputy Court Administrator

Phone: 928-771-3168

Email: jmalinowski@courts.az.gov



January 28, 2021

Announcement of Judge Pro Tem

YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA –Presiding Judge John D. Napper is pleased to announce his selection of Linda Wallace as Judge Pro Tem for the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Christopher Kottke. Linda Wallace will assume the full-time duties of Judge Pro Tem effective February 22, 2021.

There were 12 applicants for the position. Presiding Judge Napper selected the successor for this position after interviewing two finalists identified by a Selection Committee, reviewing applicant qualifications and considering public comment. When announcing his decision, Judge Napper stated, “In her years of private practice, Ms. Wallace has demonstrated a history of dedication and respect for the law. Ms. Wallace received many comments from the public supporting her application and acknowledging her professionalism and legal ability. These same qualities were apparent throughout the judicial selection process. Simply put, Ms. Wallace was an outstanding and well-respected attorney and will be an outstanding and well-respected judge.”

Presiding Judge Napper is requesting that the Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court’s formal appointment of Judge Wallace be effective February 22, 2021. The appointment is also subject to the approval of the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors. Judge Wallace will serve primarily in the Verde Valley Judicial District.

Judge Napper also stated, “I would like to thank the members of the Selection Committee and the Honorable Michael R. Bluff for heading the committee. I know they worked hard and had the difficult task of evaluating many qualified applicants. I appreciate their efforts and believe their

work led to the selection of a superb candidate.” The members of the Selection Committee were the Honorable Michael R. Bluff, Selection Committee Chair, the Honorable Celé Hancock, Presiding Domestic Relations Judge, the Honorable Krista M. Carman, Superior Court Judge, Donna G. Michaels, Ph.D., District 3 Supervisor, Tosca Henry, Esq., and C. Rolf Eckel, Superior Court Administrator.



Honorable Linda Wallace

###

To learn more about Arizona’s judicial branch, visit www.azcourts.gov.

Follow us on Twitter: @AZCourts and on Facebook at Facebook.com/ArizonaSupremeCourt.

Please visit the Yavapai Superior Court’s Facebook page at Facebook.com/YavapaiSuperiorCourt